by the FCI/State agencies at Minimum Support Price. However, in order to curve the activities of middlemen, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has implemented Token system and 'Jotbahi' system. Payment upto Rs. 5300/- is made by ordinary cheque and payment beyond Rs. 5300/- is made by A/C Payee cheque. In case transaction involves more than Rs. 50,000/-, land sown by the farmers and its production is got authenticated/verified by the District Magistrate.

Identification of BPL families in Punjab

†1213. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have got identified the families living under poverty line in Punjab which are to be included under the targeted Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether each of the family has been provided with a special ration card; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (d) As reported by the Government of Punjab 4.35 lakh families living below poverty line have been identified to be included under the Targeted Public Distribution System and each of the identified families has been provided with a special ration card in the State.

Physical verfication and audits of godowns of FCI

†1214. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the physical verfication and audit of godowns of

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

the Food Corporation of India during last three years;

(b) the details of the irregularities found therein, State-wise;

(c) the details of such godowns in Madhya Pradesh, district-wise; and

(d) the action taken against in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Food Corporation of India's depots all over the country are subjected to audit and surprise physical verification from time to time. Year-wise details of such audit and physical verification conducted at various points of time during the last 3 years *i.e.* 1998-1999 to 2000-2001 are given below:—

	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
(i) No. of FCI depots	1194	1194	1220
(ii) No. of depots subjected to			
(a) Audit	570	655	577
(b) Physical Verification	547	431	540

(b) The State-wise details of important audit observations pointed out during the depot audit are given in Statement-I. (*See* below)

(c) The district-wise details of Madhya Pradesh are given in Statement-II (*See* below)

(d) The audit and physical verification observations of serious nature wherever noticed are examined in detail for appropriate settlement/administrative action against the delinquent officials.

Statement-I

State-wise important audit observations of depot audit with money value (M.V.)

(Money Value Rs. Crore)

Name of the Region	Year					
	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001	
	No.	M.V.	No.	M.V.	No.	M.V.
Punjab	18	2.96	30	3.84	50	8.52
Uttar Pradesh	28	1.79	93	7.58	18	3.83
Rajasthan	03	0.52	6	1.06	-	-
Haryana	17	6.39	23	3.03	16	8.60
J&K	-	-	-	-	-	-
Himachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delhi	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Bengal	10	1.77	3	0.24	1	0.01
Bihar	22	2.24	6	0.94	5	0.94
Orissa	06	1.56	7	0.41	-	-
Assam	23	6.64	5	5.91	5	1.45
NEF	11	1.98	2	-	2	0.88
Maharashtra	11	0.91	34	14.38	23	5.68
Gujarat	53	4.82	38	4.74	14	0.37
Madhya Pradesh	29	4.89	13	0.90	17	1.05
Chattisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andhra Pradesh	09	3.31	6	0.61	2	1.57
Kerala	12	2.13	9	1.23	4	1.79
Karnataka	08	0.71	15	3.93	-	-
Tamilnadu	15	1.13	3	9.18	-	-
Total	275	43.75	293	57.98	157	34.69

The above paras are of the nature of suspected misappropriation of stock, high incidence of shortages, high incidence of demurrages etc.

Statement-II

District-wise important audit observations on depot audit in Madhya Pradesh region with money value (M.V.)

(Money Value in Rs. Crore)

Name of the District	Year					
	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001	
	No.	M.V.	No.	M.V.	No.	M.V.
Bhopal	—	—	1	0.02	2	0.09
Satna	2	0.21	1	0.01	2	0.36
Indore	3	1.41	1	0.03	—	—
Jabalpur	2	0.35	—	—	1	0.02
Raipur	12	1.70	8	0.68	6	0.11
Bilaspur	3	0.33	—	—	3	0.28
Ujjain	1	0.02	—	—	1	0.05
Durg	5	0.85	2	0.16	—	—
Gwalior	1	0.02	—	—	2	0.14
Sagar	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	29	4.89	13	0.90	17	1.05

The above paras are of the nature of suspected misappropriation of stock, high incidence of shortages, high incidence of demurrages etc.

Transportation of wheat from Punjab and Haryana

1215. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of FCI to transport wheat from Punjab and Haryana month-wise during the years 1998, 1999, 2001 and 2002;

(b) whether the requirements are uniformly spread throughout the year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Evacuation of wheat from Punjab and Haryana depends on the availability of storage space in the recipient States, their monthly allocations and off-take and other related factors. The planning and achievement in respect of wheat movement from Punjab and Haryana for 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002 (upto January, 2002) are given in the Statement.